

Docket Item:

Transfer Council Report (Senate Bill 233, 2021)

Summary:

In the 2021 legislative session, the Legislative Assembly adopted Senate Bill 233, establishing a Transfer Council charged with advising the Commission on the adoption of rules implementing a common course numbering system and transfer pathways, amongst other credit transfer-related responsibilities.

Included in the legislation is a requirement that the Transfer Council submits an report to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission by January 15, 2022 that:

- Describes any subcommittees the Council intends to establish for the purpose of assisting the council in the development of common course numbering;
- Establishes a list of initial courses for the common course numbering system that will first apply during the 2023-2024 academic year;
- Lists the courses or subject areas the council has identified as likely to be included when the common course numbering system first applies to public post-secondary institutions of education during the 2025-2026 academic year; and
- Lists the courses or subject areas, which may include career and technical education studies, that the council anticipates adding to the common course numbering system after the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Transfer Council Report contains a summary of the work leading up to the development of SB 233 and the progress the Transfer Council has made, including on the aforementioned mandated elements of the report. Finally, the report concludes with next steps on the Common Course Numbering System work.

SB 233 further requires the Commission to report to the Legislature by March 15, 2022 on “the activities of the [Transfer] Council” and any “recommendations for additional legislation the Commission determines would assist in the development of the common course numbering system...” HECC staff recommends that the Commission fulfill this requirement by adopting and submitting to the Legislature the Transfer Council report presented here. HECC staff and the Transfer Council do not recommend pursuing further legislation at this time, although they may identify legislative needs once the Council enters a more substantive phase of its work.

Material:

Transfer Council Report – Slide Presentation
Transfer Council Report to the Commission

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Commission approve the Transfer Council Report for submission to the Legislative Assembly